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SUBJ: SYRO-CZECH JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPT 11 AT CONCLUSION OF ASAD VISIT STRESSED AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF JOINT CONCERN AND INCREASED BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDING CZECH LOAN OF UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT.

2. INTERNATIONAL ISSUES - MIDDLE EAST:

TWO LEADERS REVIEWED "TENSE AND GRAVE" ME SITUATION, DEPLORED ISRAELI ATTACKS ON LEBANON AND CALLED FOR UN CONSIDERATION OF APPLYING SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL FOR ITS DEFIANCE OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND CHARTER.

3. SINAI AGREEMENT:

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COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZED SIGNING OF SINAI AGREEMENT AS
"MANEUVER AIMING AT EVADING TREATMENT OF PRINCIPAL
ISSUES RESULTING FROM ISRAELI AGGRESSIONS, AT WEAKENING
ARAB SOLIDARITY, AT ENCROACHING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS,
AND AT TURNING CONFLICT INTO PROBLEM OF BORDER
DISPUTES IN AN AREA WHERE ALL THIS WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE
TENSION AND ESCALATE DANGER OF EXPLOSION IN AREA."

4. ADDED TO TRADITIONAL CALL FOR COMPLETE ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WAS STATEMENT THAT AMONG PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS WAS "RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND TO
ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE OVER LAND OF THEIR COUNTRY."

(NOTE: FOREGOING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ARABIC VERSION.
FBIS TRANSLATION OF CZECH VERSION STATES SIMPLY "....RIGHT
TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE.")

5. COMMENT:

IT IS UNCOMMON BUT NOT UNPRECEDENTED FOR SYRIA TO
GO BEYOND GENERAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR "PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS" AND ACTUALLY DEFINE THOSE RIGHTS. CUSTOMARY
FORMULA -- REITERATED IN ASAD'S RECENT BBC INTERVIEW -- IS
TO DEFER TO PLO LEADERSHIP FOR DEFINITION.
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